

101 Best Strategies for Teaching Writing (Grades 6-12)



Seminar Presented by **AMIE TRAHAN**
Outstanding English Teacher and National Presenter

Specifically designed for Grades 6-12 English/Language Arts Teachers, Classroom Teachers, Literacy Coaches, and Administrators

- ▶ **The 101 best strategies to help your students** meet rigorous writing goals in grades 6-12
- ▶ Classroom-proven ways to **increase students' writing proficiency**
- ▶ **Differentiate your writing instruction** to help all your students increase their writing skills
- ▶ **Time-efficient teaching strategies** that help you streamline your instruction and the amount of time you spend grading papers
- ▶ **Practical strategies** that can be implemented immediately

2018 SCHEDULE

California

Sacramento – February 12
(Elk Grove)

Oregon

Portland – February 13

OR Professional Growth Hours Verification Available
WA Clock Hours Available

Washington

Seattle – February 15
(Bellevue)

Spokane – February 14
(Spokane Valley)

WA Clock Hours Available

ID Inservice Credit Available with
District Approval in Spokane

MT Renewal Units Available in Spokane

“*Amie is a writing expert! I now have so many ideas that I can adapt and implement in my own classroom right away!*”

– JESSICA PILGREEN, ENGLISH TEACHER

Practical Strategies

You will discover many outstanding strategies and activities to help you strengthen the writing skills of your students. Outstanding secondary English teacher, **AMIE TRAHAN**, will share 101 of the best writing strategies including step-by-step approaches for enhancing the writing proficiency of your grades 6-12 students. Her ideas include strategies to reach your students of all ability levels and across all content areas. You will receive resources and strategies to help you greatly enhance the quality of your students' writing. Amie's seminar is full of powerful, motivating writing activities and resources designed with your grades 6-12 students in mind. Amie is known for cutting-edge strategies and brings a sense of humor, enthusiasm and inspiration to her highly practical presentations.

You will leave Amie's seminar re-energized and equipped with many valuable strategies to help your students increase their writing proficiency.



Ten Key Benefits of Attending

1. Expand Your Options to Increase Students' Writing Skills

101 of the best writing strategies designed to increase the writing skills of all your grades 6-12 students

2. Differentiated Writing Tasks for Struggling Learners

Utilize differentiated writing strategies to help target the unique writing deficiencies of your struggling learners

3. Project Based Learning

Discover innovative ways to engage students' reading, writing and speaking skills while working to solve a social problem that affects their community

4. Utilize Modeled Writing and Mentor Texts to Improve Your Students' Writing Skills

Resources and strategies for using modeled writing and mentor texts for students to develop and improve their writing

5. Increase Your Students' Motivation in Writing

Engage your students in outstanding, doable writing tasks and projects guaranteed to increase interest and motivation

6. Powerful Lessons that Instill the Elements of Effective Writing

Outstanding strategies for teaching the writing process and the traits of effective writing ... Lessons you'll be able to use immediately when you return to your classroom

7. Increase Students' Ability to Write from Sources

Specific ideas to help your students effectively use evidence from written sources to create short, focused research projects

8. Reduce the Amount of Time You Spend Grading Papers!

Free up your time while maintaining high expectations ... Receive various formative and summative assessments and structured rubrics designed to help you pinpoint student learning AND save you time

9. Creative and Cross-Curricular Writing Activities

Engage your students with creative writing activities using popular children's books ... Utilize topics that pertain to other subjects, allowing for cross-curricular engagement

10. Informative, Explanatory, Narrative, and Argument Writing Units

Thoroughly developed, classroom-tested topics that keep students engaged and excited about writing ... Receive tools and samples of units you can use immediately with your own students

Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately

- **101 practical strategies** to increase the writing skills of your grades 6-12 students
- Innovative ways to **help your students enhance the quality of their writing**
- How to **successfully utilize a writing workshop** in your classroom
- **Specific ways to help students organize and develop their writing** to the appropriate task, purpose and audience
- How to **increase students' ability to write** from sources
- Effective ways to **incorporate narrative, explanatory, informative and argument writing**
- **Step-by-step processes** for including sufficient evidence in writing arguments to support claims
- **Dozens of writing examples** that meet the criteria outlined in state writing standards
- Discover how peer collaboration can increase **students' confidence in writing**
- Ways to **break down writing instruction into doable steps**
- **Student friendly approaches** to reduce anxiety and encourage students to take risks in their own writing
- **Interactive rubrics** that provide opportunities for student ownership in writing activities
- **Scaffolded writing tips** to ensure success at all levels, for all students
- **Varied approaches to peer collaboration** to motivate and focus students on key aspects of writing
- Strategies to teach students to use a critical eye in the **editing and revision processes**
- Outstanding ways to use **teacher conferencing during class time** to give students immediate feedback and encouragement
- **Specific mentor texts** that model grade-appropriate writing
- **Mini-lessons** to convey elements of effective adolescent writing
- **Innovative methods** for ensuring success for all levels of middle and high school writers

“ *Very enjoyable seminar! So much information that I can immediately implement in my classroom!*”

– JULIE TRIPLETT, ENGLISH TEACHER



**To Register,
Call Toll-Free**

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A Message From Your Seminar Leader, Amie Trahan



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Dear Colleague:

Are you looking for innovative, motivating and powerful ways to elevate the level of your grades 6-12 students' writing? Would you like to enhance your students' writing skills while engaging them in authentic writing activities?

Join me for a terrific day of learning as I share 101 of the most effective, practical, instructional writing strategies that you can use immediately in your own English/language arts classroom. In this seminar, we will review outstanding mentor texts, student examples, and student-driven rubrics that will enhance the foundation for writing in your classroom. I will model techniques for establishing and enhancing peer collaboration and teacher conferencing to give students the immediate feedback and motivation they need to improve their writing.

You will leave with numerous ideas for developing and using mini-lessons to help your students in their development as writers. All the strategies I will share have been successfully used in my own classroom.

My goal is to equip you with numerous strategies and activities you can take back to your classroom that will motivate and build enthusiasm for writing among even your most reluctant writers, and that will increase the writing skills of all your students.

I look forward to meeting you at the seminar!

Sincerely,

Amie Trahan

P.S. We will focus on the best, practical, research-based strategies you can use to dramatically strengthen your students' writing.

What Your Colleagues Say About Amie Trahan

*"Very informative with **tons of resources that can be easily incorporated** into my classroom. Thank you!"*

– Kimberly Petit, 7th Grade ELA

*"**Amie is a knowledgeable and passionate teacher**, and this was evident throughout the day. Thank you for all the resources."*

– Lisa Samko

*"I love hearing from actual teachers who have current, real-life experience! The **practical, useful materials** are wonderful – thank you!"*

– Laura Palazzolo, English Teacher

*"**Amie has a wealth of knowledge**. She is a genuine, entertaining, intelligent, warm presenter."*

– Tracy Ide, 7th Grade Special Ed ELA teacher

*"**Excellent seminar!** I will use many of these writing ideas with my students. "*

– Rick Rumsey, Alternative Education Teacher

*"**A richly rewarding day** of content, and excitement about implementing these strategies and writing experiences."*

Teacher

– Susan Guarino, Grades 6-8 Language Arts

*"This was really enjoyable. **Amie is very engaging and gave concrete strategies I could implement** in my class. Thanks!"*

– Ashley Pine, Reading Teacher

*"**Tons of great ideas that can be implemented in my classroom** tomorrow, next week or next trimester. I am walking away with some really great stuff! Thank you!"*

– Danielle Haelewyn, 7th Grade Teacher

*"**Engaging seminar** that gave relevant and practical writing strategies. Ms. Trahan was both informative and interesting to listen to and ask questions of throughout the seminar."*

– Kristin Bower, 10th Grade ELA Teacher

*"**A valuable way for me to spend the day.**"*

– MaryCarol Doyle, 8th Grade Teacher

*"Plenty of 'take home' info – I love the handbook. Amie presented the information very well and **tied it to the classroom constantly.**"*

– Debbie Thomas, Middle School Teacher

*"**Very insightful seminar. Amie gave many great ideas and examples** that I can't wait to implement throughout the school year. It was great to hear and see accommodations that can be incorporated for any student, no matter what their level."*

– Katie Cuba, 5th & 6th Grade English/Reading/Math Teacher

Uniquely Qualified Instructor

AMIE TRAHAN is an outstanding English/language arts teacher and highly sought national presenter. She is well known for her fast-paced and strategy-packed seminars focused on helping students significantly improve their writing skills. Given Amie's wealth of experience as a secondary English teacher, she offers numerous strategies and shares her classroom-tested techniques that are designed to greatly improve the quality of your students' writing. Amie is also the author of *101 Best Strategies for Teaching Writing (Grades 6-12)*, the extensive resource handbook you will receive at the seminar. You won't want to miss this outstanding opportunity to receive dozens of ideas and strategies you can use to help your students greatly improve their writing skills and abilities.



Special Benefits of Attending



Online Learning

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Extensive Resource Handbook

Each participant will receive an extensive resource handbook specifically designed for this seminar. The handbook includes:

- Strategies, tips and activities to increase students' writing skills
- Fun, motivating strategies ideal for grades 6-12
- Outstanding mentor texts and student samples
- And much, much more!

Meet and Share

This seminar provides a wonderful opportunity for participants to meet and share ideas with other educators interested in enhancing their writing programs.

Consultation Available

Amie Trahan will be available at the seminar for consultation regarding your questions and the unique needs of your own program.

Earn One to Four Graduate Semester Credits



Up to four graduate level professional development credits are available with an additional fee and completion of follow-up practicum activities. Details for direct enrollment with Brandman University, part of the Chapman University system, will be available at this program.

Meet Inservice Requirements

At the end of the program, each attendee will receive a certificate of participation that may be used to verify hours of participation in meeting continuing education requirements.

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RESOURCE HANDBOOK

by Amie Trahan



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Can't Attend?

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Related Online Course

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•))) Related Staff Development Audio Training

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Program Hours

All seminars are scheduled 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Check-in 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Fee

The registration fee is \$259 per person, \$239 per person for groups of three or more registering at the same time. Call us at 1-800-735-3503 for groups of ten or more. **Payment is due prior to the program.** No cash please. Fee includes seminar registration, morning coffee and tea, a personalized certificate of participation, and an extensive resource handbook.

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Further Questions

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Seminars will be held at the following sites:

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- Sacramento: Holiday Inn Express & Suites East – Elk Grove, (916) 478-9000
- Seattle: Residence Inn – Bellevue, (425) 637-8500
- Spokane: Mirabeau Park Hotel – Spokane Valley, (509) 924-9000

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Possible Funding Sources

Elementary and Secondary Education Act funds, including Title I School Improvement Grants; Title VI; Title VII; Restructuring grants; At-Risk grants, Bilingual/ESL and Migrant Education funds; IDEA; Demonstration School funds; Parent Teacher Organizations; and Inservice Training funds.

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